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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 10, 2021

RALPH "BIG GUY" JOHNSON, SR
4907 LANDRY ST.
ST. GABRIEL, LA 70776

RE: 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report - March 30, 2019 Election
Docket ID: 2021-042
BOARD RESULT: Decline to Waive

Dear Ralph "Big Guy" Johnson, Sr:

At its March 2021 meeting, the Louisiana Board of Ethics, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, considered your request for a "good cause" waiver of the \$1,000 late fee assessed against you for failing to timely file the 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report campaign finance disclosure report.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that it **DECLINED TO WAIVE** the \$1,000 late fee. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$1,000, payable to *Louisiana State Treasurer*, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You have 20 days from receipt of this notice to pay the late fee or dispute the assessment.

To dispute the assessment, you may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit a **request for reconsideration** to the *Board of Ethics*.
If you choose to request reconsideration, your request should include additional information not previously provided or available to the Board during its initial consideration of the matter. If you would like to appear before the *Board of Ethics* in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. If you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting. The request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271. If the *Board of Ethics* denies your request, you may appeal the reduced amount to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
2. You may **request an appeal** of the assessment to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
Your request shall include all grounds for which you are seeking an appeal, along with documentation and evidence. If you choose to request an appeal, your request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271.

If you do not pay the late fee or dispute the assessment within 20 days of receipt of this notice, then the \$1,000 late fee will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website. If you request reconsideration or an appeal, your name will not be posted on the agency website.

Additionally, it should be noted that any unpaid fines, fees, or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office, as the *Board of Ethics* will object to your candidacy in future elections pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Charles E. Reeves, Jr.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER